



## District News & Views

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### PTO At A Glance

#### Benefit Night

Culvers Benefit Night,  
Wednesday, October 28,  
5 - 9 p.m.

#### Entertainment Books \$20

50% of each Entertainment Book sold goes directly to the District 102 PTO Technology Fund.

#### Gift Wrap

Gift Wrap information has been sent home with students. If you have not received yours, please contact Leslie Forman at [braebaby@comcast.net](mailto:braebaby@comcast.net)

### Community Briefs

#### Mr. Olbur to receive appreciation award at October 26 Board meeting

District 102 will be thanking Drew Olbur, owner of Wiener Take All, at the next Board of Education meeting on October 26 at 7:00 p.m. for his service to the District. Over the years, Drew has donated unbelievable amounts of free food and drinks to the district when we host special events. We will present him with a plaque and all are certainly

### District 102 website earns Communication Award

Congratulations to all the staff who work so hard to plan, design, maintain, and contribute to District 102's website. Recently, District 102 earned an Award of Merit from Illinois Chapter National School Public Relations Association's 2009 Communication Contest. While we continue to improve our website, this was a very nice honor along the way.

### Meridian Middle School is officially a WeatherBug Station



This past summer, Meridian Middle School officially became a WeatherBug station with a camera located on top of the school. Meridian is one of some 150 local weather tracking stations in the Chicagoland area which provides live weather data feeds. The WGN WeatherBug Network has access to these 150 plus local weather tracking stations in the Chicagoland area as well as the national network of 8,000 tracking stations. With this network,

invited to attend.

### **Drama Drive to benefit AJHS**

Donate things such as bridesmaid dresses, wigs, crazy hats and more from October 15 - November 12. [View the complete list of items at the bottom of AJHS's News & Events page.](#)

### **Recycle Halloween costumes**

Are you in a dilemma of what to do with last year's Halloween costumes? Drop them off at Meridian Middle School's collection box between November 3 - November 21.

### **Author Blue Balliett to visit area library**

Tuesday, November 3 from 7-8:30pm, Vernon Area Public Library; Grades 3-Adult  
Ms. Balliett, author of [Chasing Vermeer](#), [The Wright 3](#) and [The Calder Game](#) visits the library to celebrate Illinois Family Reading Night. Her books have all been favorites among children who love good mysteries. Please join us for this special evening. Books will be available for purchase and for signing. Registration required.

### **The Stevenson High School Community Foundation Presents**

#### **THE CAVERN BEAT**

*A Beatles Tribute Band*

Saturday, October 24 @ 7:30 p.m.,  
Stevenson Performing Arts Center,  
Adults: \$10, Students & Seniors: \$8

television stations can provide real-time weather data on-air and online 24/7.

WeatherBug was founded in 1992 for the education market which installed tracking stations on schools. Later, the company began partnering with TV stations, so that broadcasters like Tom Skilling from WGN, could use WeatherBug's local data for weather reports. In 2000, the WeatherBug desktop application was launched, and later, the website. District 102 teachers also use the WeatherBug application when studying weather related topics. Check it out at [WeatherBug](#).

### **2009 ISAT Scores for District 102**

GRADE	READING	MATH	WRITING	SCIENCE
3rd	90.7%	98.2%	82.7%	Not Tested
4th	95.8%	97.8%	Not Tested	95.5%
5th	93.3%	97.2%	78.2%	Not Tested
6th	94.9%	94.9%	87.7%	Not Tested
7th	93.1%	96.4%	Not Tested	93.5%
8th	96.1%	97.8%	86.8%	Not Tested

"We are pleased to present a snapshot of our students 2009 aggregate ISAT scores," notes Dr. Dunkin, Superintendent. "Students, parents, teachers, and support staff work so hard at teaching and learning in this district. Our students come to school everyday ready to learn because our families place a premium on education. Teachers work together in subject and grade level teams to ensure that all students have access to a rigorous curriculum aligned to state standards. We also know that students learning and achievement goes WAY beyond what is displayed here and published in the newspapers."

"The most prominent advocates of 21st-century education all stress the importance of learning essential content by way of authentic intellectual skills such as critical thinking and problem solving. These skills emphasize the ability to argue, analyze others' arguments, conduct research, and acquire such 'habits of mind' as the ability to invent or synthesize information. Central to this is literacy: the ability to read, write, and make effective presentations. (Berliner & Biddle, 1995; Kay & Houlihan, 2006; Pearlman, 2006)."

### **District 102 and Loyola continues successful partnership**

Loyola University's Chicagoland Partners for English Language Learners (CPELL) program is dedicated to creating effective teacher leaders in multicultural, multilingual schools. Due to so many of District 102 teachers participating in CPELL's Master's program, our district is offered professional development to help build all teachers' aptitude for working with ELL students. Teachers have a unique opportunity to earn both a Type

**FALL CHILDREN'S PLAY  
THE BROTHERS GRIMM--OUT OF  
ORDER**

Sunday, November 1 @ 1:00 & 3:00 p.m., Stevenson West Auditorium; all tickets just \$5.00!

*Costume party between performances! (Reserve your spot now!)*

To order tickets, please call the Stevenson Foundation Hotline: 1.847.415.4121

**Looking ahead**

**10/21** Grades 6-8 Band Concert @ 7:00 p.m., AJHS

**10/23** K - 4 Tripp Movie Night, 6:45 -8:15 p.m. *Movie Information*  
**Grades 1-4, Monsters vs. Aliens**  
**Kindergarten, Toy Story**

**10/24** Make A Difference Day at Pritchett Elementary School, 10 - 2:00 p.m.

**10/26** Board of Education meeting @ 7:00 p.m., DOCC

**10/30** K-4 Pritchett/Tripp Halloween Parties (check with school for times)

**10/30** 5-6th grade Meridian Lighted Schoolhouse, 7 - 9:00 p.m.

**12/10 & 12/11** Rumpelstiltskin Play at AJHS

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75 in Administration with an ELL (English Language Learner) endorsement in this M.ED. cohort program. CPELL also provides tuition scholarships and many other benefits.

District 102 is a host site this year and the district has the most teachers registered ever. The cohort begins this fall and includes: Francesca Ogilvie, Stephanie Jakimczyk, Christina Lovering, Felicia Smith and Karen May, and our continuing staff are Annette Wozniczka and Melissa Marzullo.

**Teachers excited about learning My Access writing program**

Over twenty teachers attended training at the District Office last week to learn a very complex and sophisticated 21st Century writing tool called MY Access. MY Access is designed to help more students eagerly enter the sometimes dreaded writing process. With this writing tool students are motivated to attain higher scores whenever assessed on statewide assessments. By using MY Access in the classroom, teachers can provide students with practice and instant feedback due to the systems powerful scoring engine. The feedback provided is instant and focused on every writing attribute taught in the classroom. Students do not have to wait days or sometimes weeks for hundreds of essays to be scored, and teachers can spend their time planning more focused instruction for individuals and small groups of students.

**Principal Appreciation Day October 23: How to get involved**

"Principal's impact on student achievement is second only to the classroom teacher. Courageous leadership is essential to effectively educate students and work to provide the resources and support students need to be successful in the 21st Century." Principal Appreciation Day is October 23.

**Acts of Appreciation**

**Write for your principal.** Write poems, letters or notes of appreciation and leave them for the principal in the main office.

**Make notes.** Have students write notes like "Well Done!" "Thank You" and "You're Appreciated" and put them on the principal's desk before he/she arrives to work.

**Decorate.** Decorate the office and hallways of the school showing your appreciation for the principal.

**Email.** Teachers/parents can have their students send their principal thank you's via email.

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## District 102 Schools will celebrate Red Ribbon Week October 26 - 30

Red Ribbon Week is a national education week designed to teach youth the skills necessary to protect themselves from the dangers of alcohol and other drugs. Research shows that children are less likely to use alcohol and drugs when parents and other role models are clear and consistent in their opposition to substance use and abuse.

Check your child's school newspaper or website for more details. For example, the AJHS Red Ribbon Campaign theme will promote family, individual, and school responsibility for living healthy, drug-free lifestyles. We want to help children feel empowered and in control of their own choices in order for them to create healthy lifestyles.

A child's best asset is him/herself. Please join us in teaching our children the importance of building the strengths, resiliencies, and values necessary to make healthy, informed choices and positive decisions now and throughout their lives.

## 102uesday News is available to anyone

The weekly 102uesday is sent to all parents who provided an email address during registration. However, 102uesday News is available to anyone by subscribing at [news@d102.org](mailto:news@d102.org).

## District 102 takes steps to keep H1N1 flu from spreading

What to do when you think your child has the flu. [Those with flu-like illness should stay home for at least 24 hours. . . Read more.](#)

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